

# Tarao language

**Tarao** (Tarao Naga), or *Taraotrong*, is an unclassified Tibeto-Burman (possibly Kuki-Chin) language of Burma. It is marginally (70%) intelligible with Chothe.

## Locations

According to the *Ethnologue*, Tarao is spoken in Heikakpokpi, Leishokching, and Khuringmul Laiminei villages in the Palel area of Chandel district, Manipur, as well as in Sinakeithei village of Ukhrul district, Manipur.

Singh (2011:109)<sup>[4]</sup> lists the Tarao villages as Tarao Khullen (Tarao Laimanai), Leishok Ching, Khuringmul, and Heikamul in Chandel District, Manipur. There are also about 8 families in Shajkeithel, Ukhrul District. The 2001 census reported a population of 870 Tarao people.

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Tarao	
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<i>Taraotrong</i>	
Native to	India
Region	Manipur
Ethnicity	Tarao Naga
Native speakers	870 (2000) <sup>[1]</sup>
Language family	<div>Sino-Tibetan <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> (Tibeto-Burman)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Kuki-Chin<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Northwestern<sup>[2]</sup><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Tarao</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	tro
Glottolog	tara1313 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/tara1313">http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/tara1313</a> ) <sup>[3]</sup>

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